#### Note and Comment \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

No one can doubt the interest of eastern Canadians in the western country. Its development has meant as much in its way to them as it has to those who have lived in the midst of the wonderful changes which the nest decade has brought about. We hear which the past decade has brought about. We hear complaints of the depopulation of Ontario's rural districks as a result of the lure of free or cheap land ir the new provinces. The publicity campaign carried on to promote western settlement has undoubtedly on to promote western settlement has undoubtedly made, the problem of securing adequate farm help a more difficult one in the older parts of the Dominion. In the towns and cities too, much concern is expressed over the constant drain of the young and solf-reliant, who, finding progress in the careers they have mapped out for themselves too slow have followed Mr. Greeley's historic advice, not in scores but in battallions.

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Mr. Marshall's energetic officials, who are doing somuch to bring the advantages which Alberta has to offer, to the attention of those who will make the right kind of recruits for our coltizenship, have all kinds of experiences to tell which show a strong undercurrent of feeling on the part of offose whose interests are tied up in the cast and whosbelieve that these are being seriously imperilled by the western movement. They are beginning to suggest to the niewspapers that it is high time they stopped talking about our glorious heritage that lies towards the setting sun. They lay stress on unavorable crop reports which come from certain districts out of the prairies and point out what a wonderful year all the older parts of the Dominion have had.

"Little old Ontario" they say, "is good enough for us and it won't be long before, we find many of these newly-born westerners, with all their bluster and buncombe will be glad enough to come back to their twelve dollar a week jobs."

One doesn't need to re-visit the East to be familiar with this point of view. Indeed most Westerners accept it as the natural one. So long as they themselves and their own communities are making progress, they don't waste time sympathizing with those at whose expense they presume this progress is being made, whether fellow-Canadians or not. But is being made, whether tendow call and a matter of fact both the easterner, who casts envious eyes in this direction and the westerner, with the self-complaency which comes from a growing bank account and a thorough study of local Board of Trade statistics, are victime of imperfect in-Board of Frace statistics, are victime of import the writer of this page very strongly within recent weeks, when a somewhat prolonged stay in Ontario after

when a somewhat prolonged stay in Ontario after an absence of five years gave opportunity to note the change which has been wrought in the interval. Everywhere that he went he found that advancement had been made, where in the ten years that preceded things had been at a standstill. The larger manufacturing establishments had attained a stage where they could challenge comparison with the greatest of their kind the world over. Those which during nearly a quanter of a century of the fostering influence of the National Policy struggled for his, are employing in most cases double the number of men on the pay roll-in the old days. The men at their head challenge public attention quite as much by the size of their motor-cars as by that of their workshops. Toronto looks forward to rounding the laft million mark before many years. Those smaller cities, which for so long after attaining the 10,000 half million mark before many years. Those smaller cities, which for so long after attaining the 10,000 mark, fought gamely against falling back into the 9,000 class, are securing new industries and expanding those they have. With a census in view next year they are beginning to talk so gibly about what figures it will show that one could almost imagine he was back in Alberta. Some of them are even developing read-estate booms. developing real-estate booms.

As for the farmers, one sought in vain for evidence As for the farmers, one sought in vain for evidence of the distress in their ranks that we have hear about. The labor problem they are solving by the very reasonable method of going in for those lines which either keep their demands for men down to a minimum or which allow them to give steadier employment than formerly. As an illustration of the advantages of mixed farming nothing could be more striking than Ontario at the close of the present season. You have only to move about to see for season. You have only to move about to see for yourself greater prosperity and contentment than formerly among the country people. They dress better. Their houses and barns are more substantial. They are taking more pride in their places. The automobile is finding its place among them, though

not, we are tool with the mortgages, which, it is said, so frequently accompanies it when townpeople succumb to its fasoination. Bank managers will tell you of the wealth which they are accumulating. In a small town some forty miles east of Toronto, farmers have in one bank over three million dollars on

Ask the manufacturers, or those who know Ask the manufacturers, or those who know some-thing about their affairs, what has brought this increased activity. You suggest to them as a feeler that possibly Cobalt is a large factor. Yes it has had some effect, but, if you talk with them long enough, they will all freely admit that other influences are infiniteimal compared with that of western development. The west has drawn freely from the cream of Ontario worth but here. of Ontario youth but by coming west and aiding in the opening up of its vast resources have left greater opportunities for their brothers who remain chind in the old home and for the new-comers from other lands who are drifting in. The problem of what to do with the boys is not as severe a one for the head of the family as it used to be. 'So far from hurting Ontario towns and cities, the alacrity with which so many thousands have responded to the call of the west has been their salvation

The efforts being made by the Canadian Manufacturers Association to offset the demand which has recently gone up from the west for a loosening of tariff restrictions are not hard to understand. They have fared well under the prevailing fiscal policy and resident in British Columbia, Mr. Olive Phillips-

not, we are told with the mortgage, which, it is said, familiar scenes is to cultivate the sentimental side of familiar scenes is to cultivate the sentimental side of one's nature a stimulant which in the struggle with the world has too long been lacking. Even the most eminently practical among us find "dear the school-boy spot we ne'er-forgot, though 'there we are forgot." The rolling countryside with its farms, the result of several generations of careful farming, the maple groves, the lazy streams, contrasted so strong-live with Alberta's rushing mountain-fed rivers all ly with Alberta's rushing mountain-fed rivers, all the same as twenty years ago, cannot help making a deep impression on the mind of the returned wanderer. "After all" he is apt, "isn't this life at its fullest? But the contentment which all this spells with all the fruits of the ambition which so many of us have strayed half way across the earth's surface in the hope of obtaining.

But what kind of a place would the world be if his were the normal attitude of the average man? It is all very well to return for a few days to these conditions which appeal so powerfully to one side of a bias nature. But it is a different proposition to live amid them from week to week and year to year. From the days of Ulysses on the mei who make the provide world have always and the provider who have always of the provider world. world move have always sought new scenes and new activities and so long as human nature remains as it is they will feel that they have really lived only to the extent that they have thus pushed out for themselves.



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the wonder is that they did not know when to leave well enough alone. They are now on the defence. But a year or so ago they were carrying on an aggressive campaign for an increase of duties. When every land is sown, Each furthest headland rounded, have enever been in doubt. It trusts that its Cana-consider matters of public policy from a thoroughly ballot matters of public policy from a thoroughly national standpoint. But of this it is convinced and its belief is founded on observations made in the east as well as those made in the west, that the real work of nation-building is being done by those who are settling up the land in the west. It is owing to this movement that the first decade of the T tieth century has brought such an advance for Can ada all along the line and to serve the present and future interests of the country to the best adayntait is necessary that public policy should be directed first and foremast with a view the welfare of the men who are discharging this pivotal work. That the west should be treated as a preserve for eastern industrial concerns, and that the men on whose progress every-thing depends should be subceted to hardships for the sake of larger temporary gains by eastern manufacturers is as unfair as it is suicidal from a national standpoint.

who has caught the spirit of the Wes there is little that the older provinces have to offer that can offset in any degree the attractions of life in this land of broad areas and broad ideas. What we lack at present is rapidly coming to us. The pity is that when we have all that a large population brings, we are bound to lose much that constitute the charm of living under existing conditions. Peo-ple speak of the satisfaction which they find in com ing once more into communities which have the finished look which is only reached after years of settlement and accumulation of wealth. It is very gratifying to them after the crudeness to which they have become accustomed. Such a feeling is only natural. One appreciates more than be ever did in the old days, the beauty of the stately trees that line the streets of town and city. At first the shade that they cast is almost oppressive. It is more like enter-

Each soaring summit known.

When the forces of creation And the elements pay toll, And the stars sing exultation To the Jack at every pole.

When all the trails are broken, And all the wrongs set right, And all God's message spoken— Then, Englishmen, good-night.

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If you have of the stage, a visit east is always looked forward to as affording a chance to get into touch to, a slight extent at least, with the changes that the years are bringing in that field of art. It was the good fortune of the writer to witness four remarkable productions, which spell progress for the drama to a very marked degree. One was what is commonly accepted as the most original play that up and the present stands to the credit of the new theatre, the splendid playhouse which a company of wealthy and public-spirited New York eitizens have built, not for money-making purposes but in the hope of raising general theatrical standards. "The Niggar" isn't a pretty title and some old-time lover of Primose and West might easily be lured into paying out his good-money to see it, only to be very much disappointed. It deals with the perpetual problem of the south. What to do with the negro, in its strictly modern aspect, and illustrates in powerful fashion the tremendous obstacles which prejudice and passion and greed place in the strength of the sale growtene. trates in powerful fashion the tremendous obstacles which prejudice and passion and greed place in the way of its salvation. The part of the state governor, who is discovered after the lapse of many years, to have a strain of negro blood in his veins, is played by Guy Carroll Post, an actor of whom much will yet be head. "The Nigger" is essentially a play to stimulate thought, and there can be no question about the new theatre's realizing its function if it is the means of bringing before the public and populations of the present of the pre ing fairyland than anything that has happened out-side the region of dreams. To wander about amid larizing many other such efforts as this.

The other production referred to was "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," as produced by Mr. Johnston Forbes-Roberson, one of the greatest, if not virtually the greatest, living English actor. It used to be the fishion to scotl at those who held that the stage existed for any other purpose but to anuse. Supposedly eminent critics, have argued that it could serve no intellectual or moral object in view. Mr. Forbes-Robertson, has never shared this view and the play which he is now presenting is one of intense seriousness. Briefly, it tells the story of a man who, by a consistent practice of the simple Christian virtues, completely transforms by simple Christian virtues, completely transforms by his influence the sortfdi lives of a dozen or more peo-ple in a London lodging dions. By appealing to the best in their natures afind assuming that they desire to act acording to this, he lifts them one by one to a higher plane of life, of course Mr. Forbes-Robert-son is a masterly actor and he has about him a company, which represents the English stage at its best but the obstancing fact is aften the plane is of company which represents me angines stage at its best, but the outstanding fact is shat the play is of the character which we have been told so often the public doesn't want and yet it is drawing capacity houses for the second American season night after night. All of which is very encouraging to those who see in the drama one of the great agencies for making life sweeter and better. The great popular successes are not those which appeal to what is dow and frivolous. People will always listen to those who havely message of seriousness to give and who show the ability in presenting it that is commensurate with their theme. A play like "The Fassing of the Third Floor Back" elevates the stage to an immense degree. For one thing it between what is low and frivolous. People will always listen immense degree. For one thing it brin the doors of the theatre, many to whom to an immense degree. For one thing it brings within the doors of the theatre, many to whom it should be a means of pleasure and profit, but who are estrayed from it because of the demoralizing tendencies which have for so long held sway. The theatre should appeal to the whole public and those who demounce it as a whole and who absent themselves from good as well as from bad plays are working in admirably with the devil's grame. idmirably with the devil's game

The choice of Mr. E. M. Macdonald, M.P. for Picton, N. S., as one of the party to accompany Sir Wilfrid Laurier on his tour of the west, does not appear to have been a particularly happy one. He has had much to say, both during the trip and since its termination, to centralize the splendid impression made by the premier. His remarks at Leth-bridge, where he referred to the advantage of a town's voting Liberal in order to secure public town's voting Liberal in order to secure public works that were desired were, with the most friendly construction placed upon them, of a character who no good politician, let alone a man who had a high sense of public duty, would use. Now the Halifax Chronicle, in its report of an address given

by him in that city, has this to say:
"Mr. Macdonald clearly enunciated the policy of the Liberal party as affecting the tariff question. They had the same policy in the west as in the east. The people of the west did not want free trade any more than those in the east, and they ascertained that the only shouting for free trade in the west came from the Tory camp. He believed that the future of Nova Scotia was wrapped up in its manu-facturers, and there would be no tariff changes to distinct the control of the con disturb them.'

disturb them."

A more beautiful opening was never given to the opponents of a political leader than this gives to those of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and they are certain to make good use of it. The Saturday New's believes that the premier was thoroughly sincere in his expression of low-tariff opinions when in the west.

But these methods the statement of the contraction of the statement of the stat pression of low-tarin opinions when in the But those who heard and greeted them approxing But those who heard and greeted them approxing-ly are now looking forward to his taking some action in the way of implementing them. If this is not done, if the party continues to persue the fiscal policy which it has for founteen years, back, the out-turn for it in this part of the country will be a black one. We are not disposed to be impatient. We are willing to accept Sir Wilfrid's promises in perfect good faith, nending the time when tariff perfect good faith, pending the time when tariff reconstruction can be taken up. But this fault, establish by the premier, will be soon demolished and many will rush to the conclusion that he was simply playing a sectional game, if he doesn't call off or repudiate his Nova Scotian lieutenant. Mr. Macdonald's reference to-low tariff is particularly noteworthy in view of the faet that in Alberta the removal of the duty was one of our principal requests. It is being maintained simply for the benefit of Nova Scotia and it is the height of unfairness, to place so great a disability on the indus-try of the whole of the rest of the Dominion to serve so narrow an interest.

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### HOME AND SOCIETY

"Alas, how easily things go wrong?" When my Saturday News arrived at the house last week, and I picked up the paper for a general inspection, for any behold you, not a quarter of the social notes I had prepared so carefully were to be seen. Mrs. J. B. Mercer's tea, Mrs. Holly Ross's tea the day before, not to speak of dozens of smaller social items; not a sign of them. If you don't know this social scribe you will "majbe imagine" I smiled a philosophic smile and said nothing. If, on the contrary, you are acquainted with this erratic person, you will realize quite as well as I can

acquainted with this erratic person, you will realize quite as well as I can tell you, that I swore, not loud, but very, very deep.

Same old excuse, chickens or something, just stole in the office and filched the copy. Well, these things will happen, otherwise the road to Paradise might be found too easy. Of one thing I am persuaded, either there will be a great many openi-loushers in will be a great many pencil-pushers in Heaven, way up in front, or we will be relegated to the very furthest seat-back—some other place. I think my self we have earned any rewards tha

Mrs. Barford is away in Winnipe enjoying a month's holidays, and Miss Jessie Lynch is keeping hous for her sister during her absence.

Mrs. H. I. Milhar, of Wetaskiwin came up for the Hospital Ball, and was the guest of Mrs. Frank Sommer ville during her stay in town.

Mrs. John Somerville and the Misses Sommerville have chosen the first Friday of the month as their dat home for the season.

Owing to the Hon. Mr. Mitchell having purchased a house on Four-teenth street, he will not lease the Riddell house, as at first announced, but occupy his own new residence in the west end. Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll have rented the Riddell residence for the winter.

Mrs. Waddell and her baby left 'Updown' last week, to spend some time in Hamilton, Ont.

Mrs. W. S. and Miss Seymour, will receive for the first time since taking up their residence at their new home 672 Twenty-first street, on the 3rd and 4th of October, and in future on the first Monday and Tuesday of the

Mrs. Hislop has had an old school friend visiting her, Miss Jenney, ol Whitby, Ont., whom she chaperoned to the Hospital Ball on Friday....

I understand that Mr. John Sun I understand that Mr. John Sum-merville, Jr., is getting along splen-didly up among the Muskoka pines and that he never felt better in his life. His physicians, however, recom-mend his remaining where he is until after Christmas.

Mrs. Robt. Mays will receive on the

Madame Cauchon, a recent new-comer to Edmonton, but an exceed-ingly popular woman in Winnipeg society, has chosen the first Wednes-society, has chosen the first Wednes-day of the month for her day at the day of the month for her day at a her delightful apartments in the Rene Le-marchand Mansions."

Mrs. A. Y. Blain and her children returned from a most enjoyable three month's holiday spent with her peo-ple in Toronto early last week.

Mrs. Forney who has made hosts of friends in Edmonton during her visit to her daughter, Mrs. Wilfrid Harri-son, left last Saturday for her home in Moscow, Idaho.

I heard this morning that Dr. and Mrs. Ferris would return from the continent in about a month's time and that both were looking remarkably fit, and enjoying their outing immensable.

Mr. and Mrs. Ponton have leased Mr. St. George Jellett's house for a

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Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie arrived nome from a delightful visit with her people in the East, a week ago last

Mrs. Turnbull had a luncheon

Mrs. Bobby Robertson is giving tea this Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Ritchie will receive on the first Wednesday of the month at her Suite, No. 11, the Rene Leman-chand Mansion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Case have the Coast and will make a tour of

Mrs. Duncan Marshall returned on Thursday from a month's holidays in the Esti, and was so unfortunate as not to get her trunker in time to take in the Ball, on Friday. We of Ed-monton, surely master early the great lesson of palence under severe af-flictions. But oh, these railroads! What language has not been called forth in their most autocrafte names.

One of the largest and most successful dance, ever given in Edmonton was that which assembled a realby brilliant company on Eviday evening at the annual ball given by the
Ladies Hospital Aid in the dining
room of the Hotel Cecil.

The Hospital dances have always
been successful ones, but of late years
they have taken on added glories.
Each one in more recent times had
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Each one, in more recent times had some special feature to recommend it. This year the merry affair being given, under the distinguished patternage of two Lieutenant-Governors, His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, and Lieutenant-Governor Gibson, of Ontario and his party. The weather behaved abomitably, All day long it poured or drizzled miserably, and might found conditions little belter. But, as someone afterwards remarked, it was well it did pour, because if the crowd assembled that did under such very trying circumstances, however could they have danced at all, at all, if a fair weather turn-out had been present. But who wasn't ther?

Looking around the crowded ball.

amimated and energetic, as we who know her well, always expect her to be.

Mrs. Jennings, though far from well, also did, a great deal towards the success of the dance, but the ladies of the Aid need no world of mine, individually, or collectively, to assure the public of their disinterested labors. Mrs. Murphy, the indestrigable president, is a whirtwind as an organizer, and worked early and late to get things in smooth running order.

The stewards, some of the most popular and prominent men in town, lato performed their duties, both galishing the over-skirt which popular and prominent men in town, lato performed their duties, both galishing the over-skirt which and the control of the agent start.

Some of those who were, at the dance were Mrs. D. L. Scott, in a rich gown of pale grey crepe de chine, with pearl and white lace garmiture. Mrs. O'Conhor, who I noticed having an animated chat with Lightenant Governor Gibson, and who wore a handsome black statin foulties, with pearl and white lace garmiture. Mrs. O'Conhor, who I noticed having an animated chat with Lightenant Governor Gibson, and who wore a handsome black statin foulties, with pearl sales with pearl and with sequins; Mrs. Arthur Mrs. Tom Davids in a sweet frock of pale pink charmeuse satin, with great of the control of heavy silk-embrodered net over white satin, with diamiond ornaments; Mrs. Tom Davies, a very sweet and graceful bride, who danced from the statin, with beautiful embroid chiese; Mrs. Dawson, an elegant black acrobe over rose-colored Dresden silk, and wearing some splendid diamonds; Mrs. Nightingale, a creating of the statin with face of the control of the average of the decent of the part of the decent of the part of the decent of the part pretty and animated in black net with a touch of color on the bodiec; Mrs. J. D. Harrison, another notable dancer, in clinging black with jet sequined berthe; Mrs. Williamson Taylor wore a very handsome gown of green silk with rich applique and some fine lace;

chine with heavy cream lace garni-ture; Mrs. Bobby Robertson, a pret-ture; Mrs. Bobby Robertson, a pret-ture; Mrs. Box Pointe berthe; Mrs. Will'rid Harrison in a maroon painted chiffion frock that suited her admir-ably; Mrs. Benson, of Strathcona, in a Paris confection of pink silk grena-dine; Mrs. Harry Wilson, of the same town, who wore black sequined net, and brought her daughter, Miss Mu-riel Wilson, in white charmesus sa-tin; Mrs. Bradburn, who looked very sweet and graceful in mauve satin; Mrs. Robert Mays. a pretty little figure in a quaint gown of palest yel-low Dresden silk, with a big gold rose on the corsage; Mrs. Dickins, in a stunning black sequinned robe; Mrs. Charlesworth in white satin and blonde lace; Mrs. Frank Sommerville in a modish gown of prumors silk; Continued v on p.g. tour.)

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Mrs. Jennings, smartly coiffee, and wearing a handsome gown of white lace with touches of color; Mrs. Millar, of Wetaskiwin, distinguished in a frock of Baby Irish lace; Mrs. Marriott, of Strathcona, very pretty and piquante in pink organdie with sometine lace; Mrs. Stockand, in an elaborate gown of pink satin; Mrs. D. J. MacNamara, in a dream, of pale blue moire, partly veiled in chiffon, with turquoise ornamentation; very chic, and one of the notable gowns; Mrs. Nicolls, in rich black sequins; Mrs. John I. Mills, in yellow satin and embroidered net; Mrs. Holly Ross in pale pink with a cream lace overdress; Madame Delavault, charming in a gown of white painted chiffon in blue and yellow tones; one of the sweetest young matrons was Mrs. S. A. Dickson, in white organdie with tiny pink rosebuds, and Mrs. Farquarison was also looking very well in pale chier, Miss McLasacs came in with the Minister of Education, Hon. Duncan Marshall and wore a handsome yellow, satin gown; Miss Mackie, of Belleville was in legant turquoise blue panne velvet, very beautifully made, and among the younger set you could have picked a huge popies of youtfull buds and heauties; Miss Irene; Harbottle was easily one of the lovelfugi, wearing an exquisite. (Continued from Page Three.) of set you could have picked a large pose of youthful build and beauties; Miss I reine Harbottle was easily one of the lovelies; wearing in explaint frock of white creps de, chine partly welled in broad-mesh linh net, with chrystall garrifutures, while in her dark hair was one of the new chrystal bandeau ornaments with drooping fringe; Miss Haycock, of Ottawa, had her own coart of admitters, everyone being chartened by this popular girl mart, while stay the property of preduction for the property of preduction from the property of preductions from the coart of the property of preductions for the property of the pro



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a preity animated girl, wore a very smart frock of black satin relieved with chrystal garniture, and earried a d huge spray of white roses, her friend, diss Maloki, was also beautifully gowned, her frock of white satin with Baby Irish lice, proving most becoming; Miss. Bessie Scott wore dainty white, early limit of the satin, and having a royal time. Miss Catish was hand-some in pale blue satin; Miss Ethel Webster, and Miss Edith were both in white satin relieved, with a touch of golden brown, Miss Phylls. Barnes was as dainty and sweet, as could be, in a saucy, little pink frock. Miss Cathbert, had on a striking gown of greet chilfno over satin; the bodice being of Dresden material veiled in the chilfno, with green chrystal garniture; Miss Marjory Beck looked a picture in a dainty pink gown; Miss Eleanor Taylor were pink charmense satin and looked, as always, decidedly pretty and attractive; Miss Penelope Davies in white satin with chrystal and fringe garniture, and a dash of color in crimson roses on the orrange, hadn't dances enough to go aroundi Miss Bessie Forin was one of the lovelleat girls; Miss Jessie Lynch in black satin looked, and danced, extremely well, Miss Cobbett in a charming shade of green, was easily one of the bellen; Miss Miss Cobbett in a charming shade of green, was casily one of the bellen; Miss Margerian was been been been such as the charming shade of green, was casily one of the bellen; Miss Margerian, was casily one of the bellen; Miss Margerian, was as fine striking-looking girl in pale pink figured silk, and the latter in rich white satin were much sought from his margerian wore lovely blue satin were much sought from the satin were nearly well as a satin and the latter in rich white lace and Miss Cablon was striking in pretty pal

Mrs. Arthur Murphy will receive Mrs. Arthur Murphy will receive on Tuesday next, and afterwards, as usual, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Mrs. Ferguson Burke will remain in town until late next week, at least, and assist Mrs. Murphy in receiv-

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Judging from the conversations one hears about town, Melba is going to have a magnificent audience on Wednesday night at her coincert. All the music-loving world not, only in, but about, Edmonton, is on the out view of excitement, scarcely able to wait for the great diva to come and enthral, them, as, she seems to have done all her other audiences, with the magic of her song.

Not only will if be a very great occasion artistically, but Society is turning out en masse in their most be-witching frills and chiffons, to add lustre to the ocasion.

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I hope Mr. Suckling finds Edmonton more apreciative than other ambitious men who have on former ocasions, brought great artists to the

bitious men who have on former occasions, brought great artists to the capital.

To hear Melba at the height of her fame, is the chance and opportunity of a lifetime. Such occasions come but too seldom to us in the West. By such men and women measure their existence. "I heard Patti at her best, arus on his prime, Jenny Lind—very many years ago." In days to come, will you and I not reckon time by such milestones? Mrs. Holly Ross hadig avery jolly and welf-done tea in honor of Mrs. Holly Ross hadig alst, when a great many old friends and new, came in for a chat and a cup of tea, to find the guest of honor richly gowned in black silk velver, and some lovely Irish crochet lace, and looking exceedingly well and bright first. Ross, the young hostess, welfomed her guests in great great party gown of wisteria striped nik, with handsome ornamentation.

amentation.

The rooms were a bower of frag-ant sweet peas, a great shower of ink blossoms centreing the artistic-lly arranged table, and making a vivid splash of rich color against the ark oak furniture.

dark oak furniture.

Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hardisty presided at the tea table and Mrs. McLean assisted in looking after the guests, while Mrs. Frank Ross of Innisfree, in becoming grey silk received with the hostess and guest of bases.

Mrs. Frank Sommerville will re-nume her former reception days, the second and fourth Fridays of the

remember having seen.

On a mirror base in the centre rested a handsome glass bowl of yellow begonias and some cool leaves: the same quaint and prim little flowers again apearing at the four corners of the table in higher glass vases, and smiling back at one from four tiny mirrors.

Here Mrs. Hardisty and Mrs. John I. Mills presided for the first hour; being later relieved by Mrs. High Campbell and Mrs. Bobby Robertson; Mrs. Stockand serving the ices at a small side table, and a bevy of the prettiest girls, Miss Irene Harhottle, Miss Edith Richardson, Miss Lullini Hardisty, and Miss Vesta Mercer, assisting.

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Mrs. Mercer received wearing handsome gown of ashes of rooses, silk crepe with heavy pansy applique, and lace yoke and sleeves. Two dear lift to girls in sweet white frackies with leavy pansy applique, and lace yoke and sleeves. Two dear lift to girls in sweet white frackies with the girls in sweet white frackies who will be find guests to the dressing room, where, the word of the door and showed the guests to the dressing room, where, who all afternoon held a court of his own.

Mrs. J. H. Morris ceturaed from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where Mrs. J. H. Morris returned from Toronto on Thursday night, where she has been placing Miss Maxime Morris, at school.

The first mursday of the Daughters at the state of the splendid we have been placing Miss Maxime Morris, at school.

The first meeting of the Aberdeen Society for, this season will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors on tite.

second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Mrs. Davies and her daughters who have recently come to town have taken have recently come to town have taken a house. No. 26, Eleveptin street, and will receive for the first time at their new residence on Wednesday next, and thereafter on the first Wednesday cast, and thereafter on the first Wednesday last was a happy re-union of a great many frends, all of whom enjoyed thoroughly the hour, over the tea-cups in this pleasant home.

Throughout the rooms, quantities of flowers in every shape; and hue added their charm to the surroundings. Scarlet geraniums in the hall, golden glow in the cheary reception room, and out in the tea-room great quantities of sweet peas, forming a most effective back-ground for the women's smart autumn finery. The table arrangement was delightfully novel, and quite one of the loveliest and most striking effects in yellow, I remember having seen.

On a mirror hase in the centre



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Taking off the lid of the

Taking of the in or the casserore, the bride displayed with the greatest pride a most appetizing supper dish. On the table scalloped potatoes stood ready to be popped in when the proper time came. "Lucky husband," said I to myself—and added a "Bully for you, little girl," for my friend.

For the girl I am telling you of has had every advantage of home and for tune anyone could desire; has never been brought up to expect to have to

been brought up to expect to have to do these things any more than a good many other girls who protest that they "couldn't cook a poisto to save their lives," and yet I know my friend is happier, better oft, and infinitely a finer girl for having married the man of fier chock what she did, before he had much of this world's goods to ofter her, than she would have been had she calpured a millionaire.

SIT IN THE SADDLE AND RIDE

By Hugh J. Hughes

the pole?
Do you fail of his action and stride?
Do you fail of his action and stride?
On't bunch with the quilters who
turn from the goal—
But sit in the saddle, and ride!

of the neid? Is the cup you had tried for denied? Stay game to the end! There ar

chances concealed,
And the least you can do is to ride!

o stay to the finish! Who trades that

for gold?
Sit close in the saddle, and ride!

s your course leading out to the sha dowless land.

Where the years of fulfillment abide? lood luck to you, comrade! The grip of my hand!

Sit tight in the saddle, and ride!

I listened to quite a heated argu-ment yesterday afternoon, on the well-worn subject: "How much a young man and woman should have before they get married. Nothing very new was brought out. The man maintain-

they get married. Nothing very new All this came team to make a man and the was brought out. The man maintainned that it didn't matter very much how any and the right stuff, while the woman of the right stuff, while the woman argued that mattered a whole heep.

The man can count my money his. As far as I could make out, the Woman took her stand on the theory that no man has a right to sake a girl to share his lot unless he can afford to share his lot unless he can afford to share his lot unless he can afford man has returned the work of the work of the which she has been accustomed.

Mercital Heaven! how many manriages would there be under those conditions!

That any male creature could be selfable mough to ask a girl be loved it with the man with the man with the man with the man will be a failly a man of county. The man my friends' daughters are to slave for him, come down to a tiny is not county, and his family's prominence.

ua.".

As the discussion, wared hotter my inid involuntarily wandered back to little scene in which I had particited a few days before.

ated a few days before.

"Come and bare a cup of tea this
flernoon," a girl bride I know very
reil had telephoned.

In response I found myself on a
retain street, with the number of her
ouse a blank in my memory.

What could the?

I saked some children to get the
formation—dear generalizin bables

I raked some children to get the information—dear generalizing bables —that it was somewhere "down town." Within two blocks, however, I knew was right, and so, to demonstrate my Sherlock Holmes abilities, i deter-mined to walk past all the bouses, and see if I couldn't single out hers. Consider me open for engagements as a private detec—with a glance at he windows I readily decided on my holce.

hoice.
The dainty, simply-artistic curtains erre enough. I knew I was right beore my friend opened the door to me.
What a pleasure that afternoon was

What a pleasure that afternoon was from start to finish! How attractive the young bride in her simple after noon frock, how delightful the fragran cup of tea, daintily served with the unpretentious, but delicious, accom-panying bit of cake!

panying bit of cake:

The little living-groom is before me rice, not a stiple fluous thing in the entire room, but everything charming. About it, and over all the weeney house, brooded an air of simple loy and tremendous happiness. Why you grew young again yourself, merely breathing in its atmosphere. These wonder-days of early-married life, when two young lovers set out, on the

onder-days of early-married life, then two young lovers set out on the nurney! Before I came away the hree of Us who were present were tiowed a peep from hall to Mitchen. I wish I could take my Woman are and let her see what I saw. The title blue and white dining-room with little blue and white dining-room with its preity bits of glass and china arranged on the artistic, white enameled, home-designed, sideboard. The plate railing above, where the lovely wedding gifts in blue and white ware showed off to such tremedous advantage. On through the two simple bed-

ge. On through the two simple bed owns, where again the ingenuity of eee Happy Two displayed itself: it e white enamelled furniture—com on everyday pine and birch if you ill—enamelled by themselves, and be me the most spotless and attractive s and dressing table

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In He.

"A son of So and So. A daughter of the De Grant's," how instpidty familiar the phrases are!

If many of these same young peech peers took time to look backers took time to look backers took to the took backers to they would discover that if their parents had adopted, the same theories of life towards them that they now hold with regard to their children, well—they wouldn't be where they are to day, that's all.



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